



GOVERNMENT & MUNICIPAL LAW

Kaufman & Canoles' Government & Municipal Law Team understands the unique challenges facing our municipal clients on a day-to-day basis and how those challenges affect local citizens, businesses and the overall community. As community leaders strive to make the best decisions possible, it is important for them to have the counsel of an experienced government and municipal law team.

WHO WE ARE

The Government & Municipal Law Team represents cities, counties, towns, economic development authorities, commissions, taxing authorities, school districts, sanitation districts, airports, colleges and universities, public agencies and a variety of other governmental entities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia on a myriad of issues ranging from day-to-day operational needs to complex bond counsel financing, labor and employment matters, construction litigation, and opioid litigation.

WHAT WE DO

Our multi-disciplinary Government & Municipal Law Team serves as counsel and advisors to government and municipal officials seeking practical solutions to legal issues affecting local government, including daily and long-term support to municipalities and governmental entities, with an emphasis on the following legal services:

- Airport operations
- Authority representation
 - Airports
 - Economic Development
 - Hospitals
 - Transportation
- Bond financing (tax-exempt and taxable) including all facets of financing municipal and authority projects, including
 - General Obligation Bonds
 - Revenue Bonds
 - Airport Bonds
 - Multifamily Housing Bonds
 - Transportation Bonds
 - Health Care and Senior Housing Bonds
 - Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds
 - Tax Increment Financing Bonds
- Civil litigation
- Construction
 - Acquisition and development
 - Contracts
 - Bond claims and mechanics lien claims (Public-Private Projects)

WHAT WE DO (CONT.)

- Construction (Cont.)
 - Leasing, lending, foreclosures, financing
 - Litigation
 - PPEA
 - Dispute Resolution, Litigation, Mediation and Arbitration
- Economic development
 - Development Agreements
 - Loan and Grant Award Program Agreements
 - Organizational Governance and General Counsel
 - Bond Financings
 - Organization and representation of community development authorities, regional industrial facility authorities and commissions
- Employment law
 - Personnel policies
 - Handbooks
 - Discrimination
 - Personnel records
 - Wage hour requirements,
 - FMLA, HIPAA and the ADA
- Environmental law
- Freedom of Information Act
- Negotiation of regional authority contracts
- Opioid litigation
 - Our litigation team represents local governments across the country in lawsuits against manufacturers and distributors of powerful and addictive opioid painkillers. The lawsuits charge that members of pharmaceutical industry have fueled dramatic increases in opioid abuse and deaths by indiscriminately flooding rural and urban communities with prescription opioids. The drugs in question include brand names, such as OxyContin, as well as generics
 - The lawsuits contend that pharmaceutical companies overstated the benefits and downplayed the risks of using opioids and that distributors failed to monitor suspicious orders of prescription opiates. As a result, local governments have been burdened with a range of costs associated with services needed to fight the crisis, including treatment centers and medical services for addicted residents
- Regulation and financing of landfills
- School board law
- State and Local Tax Disputes and Planning